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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices on slaughter steers and heifers at midwest markets showed only moderate change on Monday. However, sharp declines were recorded later in the week when supplies were liberal. Closing sales on fed steers were largely \$1.00-1.50 lower for the week at Chicago and steady to \$1.00 lower elsewhere. Fed heifers sold steady to 50¢ lower except 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 off at Chicago. Barrows and gilts sold steady to 25¢ lower over most of the Corn Belt. Prices on old crop slaughter lambs were uneven being steady to 50¢ higher aside from the steady to 50¢ lower trends at Omaha, So. St. Paul and Denver.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Cattle supplies at midwest stockyards increased substantially as religious holidays ended. Receipts were up fully 20 percent at 12-markets compared with Easter week when arrivals were smallest of the year to date. The most spectacular increase occurred in Chicago where supplies were around 50 percent greater and the largest in three months. Twelve-market receipts were also the largest in three months. While the end of religious holidays was probably the most important factor in the supply increase, recent price upturns and improved rural road conditions also played a part. Generally lower prices accompanied the increase in marketings, the steer price decline accelerating rapidly after Monday with closing prices for all classes of cattle generally at the week's low. Good to Prime steers declined \$1.00-1.50 in Chicago with some high-Choice and low-Prime \$2.00 lower while steers Standard and below sold weak to \$1.00 off. At other midwest markets steers closed unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. Heifers were generally steady to 50¢ lower with the decline measuring 50¢-1.00 in Chicago. Cows averaged steady for the second consecutive week, although trends varied both 50¢ higher and 50¢ lower. Bulls sold steady to 50¢ higher, while vealers held steady at St. Louis National Stock Yards and So. St. Paul. The proportion of Choice steers increased at some markets, while the better than 8 percent Prime in Chicago was up sharply from the previous week.

In Chicago, closing steer prices bore little resemblance to the opening market as bulk of the week's decline occurred after Monday. Most early sales Choice and Prime steers \$27.50-32.50, late bulk \$26.25-31.50. Load Prime steers early \$33.00 but nothing above \$32.50 later. At markets outside Chicago, Prime steers reached \$30.50 and high-Choice grades as high as \$29.00. Most Choice steers over the area \$26.50-28.50, Good largely \$23.50-26.50. A few Prime heifers \$28.50-29.00, Choice mainly \$26.00-27.50, Good to low-Choice \$22.50-26.50. Utility and Commercial cows bulked \$16.00-18.00, Cannery and Cutters \$13.50-16.50. Cows comprised 25 percent of the

run in So. St. Paul but formed less than 10 percent of arrivals at other midwest markets.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were fairly liberal for an April week. A large percent of the supplies consisted of 550-750# yearlings. High Medium to average-Choice grades predominated. A moderate number of Good and Choice 450-525# calves and short yearlings were included but calves under 450# and particularly under 400# were in limited number. Feeder steers over 800# were in moderate supply and those offered usually showed evidence of some grain feeding. There was more than the normal amount of variation in price trends at the different markets. Several conflicting factors tended to influence considerable unevenness and variation in price trends. On the one hand, the start of a new grazing season with above average early spring pasture conditions was a factor encouraging interest in stocker fleshed cattle. At the same time many potential buyers were busy trying to catch up on field work, and in addition a severe price break in slaughter cattle prices at some major midwest terminals not only tended to curb demand for feeders but also caused stocker buyers to proceed with more caution while they reappraised the situation. In some western and southwestern areas range contracting for fall delivery was virtually brought to a standstill as buyers adopted a wait-and-see attitude. At Omaha and Kansas City prices generally were steady to strong, instances 50¢ higher, while at Sioux City a 50¢-1.00 decline was recorded. At other midwest terminals prices were steady to 50¢ lower. In some instances early week strength was erased and in general prices showed increasing weakness as the week progressed.

Few loads Choice 525-575# stock steers, mostly short yearlings, brought \$30.00-31.00; majority Good and Choice 575-750# yearlings \$25.00-29.50, few of Good \$24.50. Several loads Choice 675# were included at \$29.50. Medium to low-Good stockers ranged \$22.00-26.00. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeders brought \$23.00-26.50, several loads fleshy 1000# \$25.50-25.75 and Choice 1143# \$25.00. A few Choice 775-875# feeders sold from \$27.00-27.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$22.00-28.00 with weight and flesh as well as quality important in determining price. Good and Choice stock steer calves ranged \$26.00-34.00, majority \$28.00-32.00; same grades heifer calves \$23.00-30.00. A few Medium and Good stock cows sold \$15.00-18.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Receipts at the 12 terminals were 10 percent larger than the previous pre-Easter week but 5 percent smaller than the same week a year ago. Mixed No. 1-3, 190-260# barrows and gilts again comprised the bulk of receipts with some of the western Corn Belt markets receiving an increased volume 240# and heavier. Sows comprised 5-11 percent at the various centers. Although many consignments were sorted for both weight and grade uniformity bulk of the barrows and gilts were offered and sold in lots of mixed grade and weight. Prices during the week revealed unevenness with the available day-to-day supply the dominating factor in the week's trading. However, lower wholesale pork prices also proved to be a bearish factor. A general price upturn on Monday was more than offset under the influence of very liberal receipts on Tuesday with some fluctuations occurring the balance of the week. Barrows and gilts closed the week steady to 25¢ lower at most centers. Sows averaged about steady but varied both 25¢ lower and 25¢ higher.

At the close, selected lots of U. S. No. 1, and No. 1-2, usually 190-230# barrows and gilts brought \$16.35-17.00, and up to \$17.25 at Indianapolis. Mixed U. S. 1-3, 190-260# butchers closed from \$15.75-16.75, bulk \$16.00-16.50. Mixed U. S. 1-3, 300-600# sows ranged from \$13.00-15.00, largely \$13.50-14.75.

Feeder pigs closed steady at So. St. Paul and strong to 50¢ higher at Sioux City. Medium and Good 130-160# feeder pigs at Sioux City sold at \$15.00-16.00, few \$16.25 while mostly Good 130-160# at So. St. Paul brought \$14.50-15.50.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts were estimated to be only slightly larger than the previous week, but around 9 percent more than the corresponding week last year. Following liberal supplies on Monday, daily numbers were only moderate to small. Around 70 percent of the butcher supply was mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 200-240# weights.

Closing prices compared with the previous Friday were 10-25¢ higher on butchers and sows. At the close, mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-240# butchers sold at \$15.50-16.25, limited volume mostly No. 1 and 2 selected lots \$16.15-16.65; No. 1-3, 270-400# sows \$14.00-15.25, 400-550# \$12.85-14.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - The 12-market receipts were slightly less than last week and 8 percent under a year ago. Trading was moderately active and demand fairly good. Prices for old crop slaughter lambs were uneven with late sales steady to 50¢ higher except steady to 50¢ lower at So. St. Paul, Denver, and Omaha as receipts at these markets were moderately expanded over a week earlier. Spring slaughter lambs were steady to \$1.00 higher; slaughter ewes were weak to \$1.50 lower, mainly 50¢-1.00 off; feeder lambs steady to 50¢ lower.

On late rounds, Choice and Prime 90-111#

wooled slaughter lambs sold from \$21.50-22.50, instances \$23.00; most Choice 85-115# \$20.50-22.00; Good and Choice \$19.50-21.50. Choice and Prime 90-114# shorn No. 2 to fall shorn pelt lambs brought \$20.75-21.50, some No. 1 and fall shorn lambs to \$22.25; Choice 90-118# shorn lambs \$19.75-21.50, mostly \$20.00-21.00; Good and Choice \$18.50-20.00. Choice and Prime 76-108# spring slaughter lambs brought \$22.50-24.00; Good and Choice \$22.00-23.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes brought \$2.50-6.50, few \$7.00. Scattered Good 70-100# feeder lambs brought \$16.00-19.75; Choice 60# spring feeders \$22.00 at Omaha.

In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area, the week's trend on Choice and Prime woolled slaughter lambs was mostly steady, instances \$1.00 higher, while Good lambs were steady to 50¢ lower. Shorn lambs were mainly steady, instances 25¢ lower. Slaughter ewes 50¢-1.00 lower. Demand was fairly good for the moderate volume offered. Around 55 percent of the week's receipts were received from outside the area.

On Friday, Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 90-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$21.00-22.00, most sales \$21.00-21.50; Prime high-yielding lambs reached \$22.50 in one section; Choice 105-120# \$19.50-21.00; Good and Choice 90-110# \$19.00-20.50. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 90-100# shorn lambs with No. 2 to fall pelts brought \$20.00-21.00; Choice 90-100# with No. 2 and 3 pelts \$19.00-20.00; Good and Choice 90-105# shorn lambs \$18.50-20.00; Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes ranged from \$2.50-5.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers out of California and Arizona feedlots active, steady to 50¢ higher; stocker and feeder cattle mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower on feeder steers; spring lambs steady to strong.

Slaughter steers: For delivery varying from immediate to July, loadlots mostly Choice, 900-1240# \$27.00-28.00; Good and Choice 800-1300# \$26.00-27.00; mostly Good 775-1200# \$25.00-26.00, Standard and Good 850-1175# \$22.25-24.50. Slaughter heifers: In So. California, 2 loads average-Choice to low-Prime 950# \$27.50; over California and Arizona, Good and Choice 725-950# \$25.65-27.00.

Choice and Fancy 400-460# stock calves

\$29.00-32.00 on steers, \$27.00-30.00 on heifers, 1,000 head 250-275# mixed steer and heifer calves \$31.00. Good and Choice 500-900# stocker and feeder steers mainly \$25.00-27.00, some lots expected 875-1000# \$24.50, and mostly Good 600-700# \$24.00; Good and Choice 500-750# heifers \$24.50-25.75.

Choice and Prime spring slaughter lambs \$21.00-22.50; Good to mostly Choice spring feeders \$20.50-21.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle direct at feedlots in Colorado slow. Fed steers sold fully steady early in the week, but no sales confirmed late; fed heifers weak to 50¢ lower. In Colorado 67 loads Choice 1040-1375# fed steers \$26.25-27.50, mostly \$26.65-27.40; 4 loads high-Good and low-Choice 1140-1150# \$25.00-25.50; 2 loads Standard and Good 1156# steers \$21.50. Nineteen loads average to high-Choice 775-1000# fed heifers \$26.25-26.75, late sales \$26.25-26.50; 93 loads Choice 800-1000# \$25.75-26.25; 10 loads high-Good to Choice 875-975# \$24.75-25.25; 2 loads Standard to Good 850-935# heifers \$22.00-22.75.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves poor as most buyers have taken a wait-and-see attitude in regard to replacement cattle due to the declines on slaughter cattle. The few sales and contracts confirmed made at steady to weak prices. Western Kansas: 10 loads mostly Choice 550-590# feeder heifers \$26.00; 14 loads Good and Choice 550-720# \$24.90-25.50. Western Nebraska: 2 loads Choice 625# feeder heifers \$26.00. Colorado: 4 loads 1050# steers in high-Good to Choice slaughter flesh went for further feeding at \$24.75.

In Colorado sales confirmed on 28 loads fed lambs at weak to 50¢ lower prices. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 110-117# fed woolled lambs \$21.50-21.75, with same grades 96-118# shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts 96-118# \$20.50-21.50, few mostly Choice 110-115# \$19.50-20.00. Car of Wyoming ewe lambs wool 48¢ a pound, grease basis.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trade very slow; limited sales fed steers steady to 50¢ lower; stockers and feeders unchanged. Six loads Good and low-Choice 975-1075# fed steers \$24.25-25.00, 20 loads Standard 785-900# \$23.00-23.50. About 1,500 Good and Choice 575-800# stocker and feeder steers \$23.00-26.75; 500 same grades 550-650# heifers \$23.00-25.25; 250 Choice and Fancy 400-425# stock calves for October delivery \$30.00 on steers and \$28.00 on heifers; several sales Choice 425-550# stock calves through May delivery \$29.50-31.00 steers, \$27.00-29.00 heifers.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers slow, steady; stockers and feeders fairly active, fully steady. Three loads Good to low-Choice 950# fed steers \$25.80; 9 loads Choice 1000-1025# fed heifers \$26.00-26.40, few Standard and Good

800-850# \$22.50-24.85, 11 loads Standard and Good 700# heifers \$43.00, carcass basis. Good and Choice 540-850# stocker and feeder steers \$25.25-31.00 and same grades 550-700# heifers \$22.50-25.65. Good and Choice stock steer calves \$27.00-32.50, heifers \$24.00-31.00. Few Choice 625-700# steers contracted for fall delivery \$25.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Fed steers in Washington fully steady to strong, about steady elsewhere; heifers steady to strong, instances 75¢ higher in Washington; limited sales stocker and feeder classes about steady; slaughter lambs 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Mostly Choice 1050-1230# \$26.25-27.50, largely \$27.00-27.50; mixed Good and Choice 1150-1240# \$26.00-26.50. Idaho - Mostly Choice 1025-1100# \$26.25-26.75, several loads \$26.00 for May-June delivery. Heifers: Washington - Mostly Choice 850-875# \$24.50-26.25, large share \$24.50-25.50. Idaho - Mostly Choice 825# \$25.75, other Choice 800-950# \$25.25-25.50.

Washington - String Good to mostly Choice 1000# partly fattened feeder steers \$25.25; Good 515# stock calves \$24.00 on heifers, \$26.00 on steers. Oregon - Good and Choice stock calves for fall delivery at \$26.00 on heifers, \$28.00 on steers; string Good and Choice 450# calves for current delivery \$25.50 on heifers, \$27.50 on steers.

Slaughter lambs: Oregon - Mostly Choice shorn slaughter lambs \$17.50 to mostly \$18.00, few loads \$19.00-19.25 delivered.

Wool: Washington - Mostly fine wool 45-46-3/4¢ per grease pound delivered Portland. Couple wool pools of mixed grade ewes wool from farm flocks 45.73-51.61¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Oregon - Mixed grade, mostly lambs wool 47-1/2-53¢ grease basis.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Windy and scattered light precipitation early, cooling with prospects of general shower activity late, snow at higher elevations.

Flurry of trading at feedlots in Southern Montana for immediate to fall delivery at fully steady prices but trade slowed late. Confirmed sales totaled 3,465 slaughter steers and heifers. Two loads average to high-Choice 1298# fed steers \$25.50; Good and Choice steers for current to October delivery \$24.00-25.00, heifers \$23.50-24.50.

Stockers and feeders slow, about steady. In Montana, 250 high-Good and Choice near 480# stock steer calves \$28.00 and 106 head 485# Choice steer yearlings in northern Montana \$23.00. A 200-head string Good and Choice steer yearlings in Northern Montana at \$23.00 for fall delivery. No sales were confirmed on sheep and lambs or wool.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	: Apr. 23	: Apr. 25	: Apr. 23	: Apr. 25	: Apr. 23	: Apr. 25	: Apr. 23	: Apr. 25
	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Chicago	44,203	36,411	221	301	32,751	50,156	3,869	7,674
Cincinnati	3,546	3,087	696	729	11,880	12,314	221	443
Denver	10,897	12,130	476	532	5,526	3,036	23,333	24,476
Fort Worth	7,623	6,170	1,924	1,765	3,937	3,330	17,224	19,336
Indianapolis	6,765	6,995	691	642	33,071	39,089	791	1,727
Kansas City	20,387	16,376	1,328	471	21,504	17,608	5,369	11,606
Oklahoma City	6,998	6,176	929	525	4,566	3,866	2,876	3,323
Omaha	36,792	41,080	542	650	41,478	46,488	15,347	12,824
St. Joseph	16,677	14,786	545	273	35,237	30,428	3,136	4,518
St. Louis NSY	15,138	15,059	1,648	2,106	70,647	67,506	1,915	3,247
Sioux City	26,313	29,498	479	261	40,128	42,471	7,544	4,163
S. St. Paul	21,667	21,301	6,187	5,715	50,126	51,436	6,882	3,204
Total	217,006	209,069	15,666	13,970	350,851	367,728	88,507	96,546
Total April 16, 1960 ...	181,553		14,345		319,389		89,513	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Apr. 23, 1960	Apr. 16, 1960	Apr. 25, 1959
Hogs	353,000	334,000	325,000
Sheep	24,900	23,700	22,800

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Three months	
	: Apr. 21	: Apr. 14	: Apr. 23	: Mar.	: Mar.	: Jan.-Mar.	
	: 1960	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959	: 1960	: 1959
Steers - 1001# up	544	699	1,102	3,135	5,613	8,464	16,183
901-1000	1,900	2,013	2,521	10,979	10,498	27,320	30,441
801-900	2,772	2,935	3,817	14,886	15,457	42,249	42,906
701-800	4,796	4,033	5,725	15,160	19,712	49,907	50,050
501-700	14,454	12,749	12,449	40,885	53,726	109,582	119,989
Total steers 10 markets	24,466	22,429	25,614	85,045	105,006	237,522	259,569
Av. wts. " " "	692#	704#	726#	730#	721#	730#	735#
Av. cost* " " "	\$25.59	\$25.47	\$28.68	\$24.90	\$27.64	\$24.20	\$27.26
" " " Chicago	25.30	24.83	28.44	25.01	26.09	24.05	26.15
" " " Kansas City	25.95	25.65	28.14	25.14	27.78	24.09	26.70
" " " Omaha	25.68	25.67	30.07	24.27	28.60	23.98	27.67
" " " S. St. Paul	22.89	24.10	25.52	24.63	24.81	23.02	24.80
" " " Sioux City	26.71	26.29	30.07	25.99	29.60	25.51	29.25
" " " Denver	25.65	25.69	29.51	25.14	26.21	24.81	28.29
" " " Ft. Worth	24.18	24.06	26.97	24.44	27.67	23.69	27.40
" " " Oklahoma City ...	24.19	24.22	26.53	23.91	26.64	23.25	26.45
" " " S. St. Joseph ...	25.56	25.42	28.16	24.51	27.21	23.83	26.73
" " " St. Louis NSY ...	24.64	24.35	28.28	24.51	25.75	23.42	25.66
Total calves - 10 markets	7,061	5,400	6,258	28,342	30,371	114,314	115,703
" heifers " "	4,027	3,016	5,523	13,078	18,700	34,597	46,245
" cows " "	383	355	530	3,517	3,069	9,032	10,353

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	: Chicago	: Kansas City	: Omaha	: S. St. Joseph	: St. Louis NSY	: Sioux City	: S. St. Paul	: Indian-apolis	: Denver	: Ft. Worth	: Okla. City	: Wichita	: San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Apr. 22, 1960	2	49	17	16	7	29	5	10	10	70	75	60	45
Apr. 15, 1960	3	55	22	19	7	22	5	10	12	60	75	55	45
Apr. 24, 1959	3	41	20	21	10	33	5	4	15	50	75	59	45
Slaughter cows													
Apr. 22, 1960	4	8	8	7	9	6	25	13	23	15	8	18	20
Apr. 15, 1960	6	7	12	8	10	6	25	12	15	15	8	17	20
Apr. 24, 1959	7	8	6	4	8	4	25	10	10	20	9	14	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Apr. 21 1960	Apr. 23 1959	Apr. 21 1960	Apr. 23 1959	Apr. 21 1960	Apr. 23 1959	Apr. 21 1960	Apr. 23 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,661	608	8.2	2.5	1,239	1,242	30.36	34.80
Choice.....	18,726	12,009	57.3	48.4	1,185	1,193	27.60	30.25
Good.....	9,752	10,575	29.8	42.6	1,095	1,104	25.78	28.17
Standard.....	1,130	1,303	3.5	5.3	988	1,018	22.31	25.77
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	402	303	1.2	1.2	1,051	1,031	20.24	23.97
All grades.....	32,671	24,798			1,154	1,145	27.08	29.24
OMAHA								
Prime.....	94	79	.6	.5	1,198	1,218	29.29	32.00
Choice.....	5,848	6,997	34.7	39.9	1,182	1,173	27.39	28.87
Good.....	9,573	9,041	56.8	51.6	1,100	1,095	25.56	27.27
Standard.....	815	1,284	4.8	7.3	1,086	1,093	22.18	24.42
Utility.....	515	122	3.1	.7	991	989	20.31	22.74
All grades.....	16,845	17,523			1,125	1,126	25.95	27.73
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	76	25	.7	.2	1,213	1,331	29.59	31.18
Choice.....	3,937	4,966	37.9	42.8	1,181	1,184	27.39	29.03
Good.....	5,565	6,044	53.6	52.0	1,109	1,113	25.77	27.39
Standard.....	648	466	6.3	4.0	1,055	1,073	21.79	24.64
Utility.....	152	120	1.5	1.0	1,008	1,054	19.36	23.36
All grades.....	10,378	11,621			1,132	1,141	26.13	27.98
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	8	--	.1	--	1,228	--	28.00	--
Choice.....	2,386	1,735	42.3	34.5	1,133	1,123	27.49	29.28
Good.....	2,083	2,791	37.0	55.4	1,070	1,073	25.71	27.71
Standard.....	1,021	353	18.1	7.0	1,036	1,074	22.48	24.95
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	143	156	2.5	3.1	1,025	1,021	19.32	23.19
All grades.....	5,641	5,035			1,090	1,089	25.79	27.95
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	371	875	6.0	14.8	1,187	1,093	27.78	29.42
Good.....	4,022	3,095	65.5	52.2	1,024	1,045	25.95	27.80
Standard.....	961	1,599	15.7	27.0	964	989	22.93	26.08
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	785	360	12.8	6.0	959	912	20.28	23.80
All grades.....	6,139	5,929			1,016	1,029	24.95	27.39
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,455	2,875	42.5	36.3	1,148	1,145	27.68	29.02
Good.....	4,052	4,310	49.9	54.4	1,080	1,084	25.78	27.03
Standard.....	502	635	6.2	8.1	1,103	1,051	21.55	24.29
Utility.....	114	96	1.4	1.2	968	1,025	19.42	22.33
All grades.....	8,123	7,916			1,109	1,103	26.28	27.52
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,566	2,285	71.8	53.4	1,191	1,178	26.66	28.57
Good.....	910	1,838	25.4	43.0	1,077	1,113	24.66	27.14
Standard.....	81	118	2.3	2.8	991	1,131	19.83	23.31
Utility.....	19	36	.5	.8	818	1,123	18.32	21.50
All grades.....	3,576	4,277			1,156	1,148	26.03	27.77

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Boston, New York City Area...	9,030	8,405	9,248	7,968	60,250	49,099	34,757	30,161
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	7,041	7,191	1,695	668	21,404	33,003	3,631	3,103
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	17,807	16,958	4,596	5,039	133,978	122,182	11,437	13,319
Chicago Area.....	17,070	20,751	5,475	4,972	37,694	52,107	4,820	4,441
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	28,913	28,230	18,919	18,122	111,483	105,709	10,408	9,617
St. Louis Area.....	9,924	10,656	1,499	2,032	90,894	95,339	3,895	3,785
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	19,597	20,067	--	--	94,413	86,055	12,477	12,377
Omaha Area.....	30,872	34,893	179	220	83,235	78,767	11,974	18,226
Kansas City.....	13,002	10,523	--	--	44,138	34,039	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	29,823	30,418	7,093	8,277	278,940	246,019	30,266	27,266
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's....	6,094	7,398	3,557	4,849	73,469	64,430	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	7,306	5,766	2,314	2,150	36,006	28,138	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	18,162	16,134	1,302	835	52,598	44,685	7,895	9,970
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	9,022	9,313	4,344	3,859	19,862	20,018	27,466	22,538
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	18,981	18,421	224	321	17,244	14,727	28,448	31,212
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	24,649	19,971	967	1,664	25,435	27,402	29,465	27,971
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	7,468	6,243	239	194	15,619	14,452	5,410	4,469
Total.....	274,761	271,338	61,651	61,170	1,196,662	1,116,171	222,349	218,455
Accumulation to date.....	4,659,654	4,257,692	1,104,401	1,096,196	19,715,882	19,068,202	3,818,166	3,816,049

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total	Total
	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	meat	lard
	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Apr. 23, 1960	335	200.3	89	10.3	1,370	188.9	245	12.0	411.5	--
Apr. 16, 1960	320	189.4	90	10.1	1,295	180.9	250	12.5	392.9	--
Apr. 9, 1960 1/	326	--	97	--	1,272	--	252	--	--	2/
Apr. 25, 1949 1/	334	200.8	89	10.3	1,295	179.0	252	12.3	402.4	43.8

Percentage change from:

Apr. 16, 1960	5	6	-1	2	6	4	-2	-4	5	--
Apr. 25, 1959	0	0	0	0	6	6	-3	-2	2	--

Week ended		Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
		Cattle		Calves		Hogs ^{2/}		Sheep and lambs		
		Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Apr. 23, 1960	.....	1040	598	205	116	242	138	100	49	--
Apr. 16, 1960	.....	1030	592	200	112	243	140	103	50	--
Apr. 9, 1960	.....	1040	598	195	109	241	139	105	50	--
Apr. 25, 1959	.....	1042	601	206	116	242	138	101	49	14.0

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 23	Apr. 25
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2	16.31	16.60	--	--	16.44	16.87	16.30	16.30	16.74	16.97	16.04	16.55	--	--	16.55	16.78
180-200#	16.72	16.88	--	--	16.48	16.88	16.72	16.50	16.78	16.97	16.62	16.64	16.48	16.69	16.58	16.78
200-220	16.54	16.62	--	--	16.42	16.76	16.72	16.50	16.68	16.78	16.56	16.62	16.48	16.56	16.45	16.50
220-240	16.38	16.56	--	--	16.12	16.40	16.35	16.15	16.36	16.40	16.05	15.90	16.01	16.05	16.15	16.35
200-220	16.27	16.35	--	--	16.02	16.28	16.35	15.95	16.32	16.39	16.05	15.88	16.01	15.98	16.00	16.15
220-240	16.01	15.94	--	--	15.68	15.88	16.15	15.60	15.98	15.97	15.76	15.58	15.85	15.70	15.75	15.68
240-270	16.18	16.39	15.45	15.09	16.12	16.65	15.98	15.80	16.54	16.68	15.60	16.12	16.00	16.08	16.28	16.55
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3	16.57	16.74	15.83	15.59	16.17	16.65	16.40	16.32	16.57	16.68	16.16	16.22	16.30	16.35	16.32	16.40
180-200	16.42	16.50	15.72	15.36	16.07	16.48	16.40	16.20	16.49	16.62	16.19	16.14	16.28	16.24	16.20	16.25
200-220	16.17	16.10	15.34	15.00	15.81	16.00	16.25	15.70	16.21	16.18	15.98	15.82	15.96	15.94	15.95	15.82
220-240	--	--	14.94	14.15	14.55	14.60	15.22	14.22	14.65	14.20	14.85	14.50	14.48	14.44	14.45	14.15
240-270	14.35	14.05	14.54	13.65	14.20	14.15	14.82	13.72	14.15	13.58	14.45	14.10	14.22	14.16	14.10	13.60
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3	13.73	13.10	13.71	12.53	13.85	13.30	14.20	13.10	13.62	12.80	14.08	13.54	13.92	13.56	13.68	12.75
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HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 23, 1960	16.19	15.98	15.96	16.16	16.06	15.96	15.90	16.43	16.06
	Apr. 16, 1960	16.25	16.24	16.10	15.80	15.79	16.03	15.72	16.53	16.03
	Apr. 25, 1959	16.26	16.20	15.91	15.77	15.79	15.90	15.74	16.45	16.02
Sows	Apr. 23, 1960	13.81	13.96	14.21	14.28	14.19	14.31	14.03	13.71	14.04
	Apr. 16, 1960	13.82	14.27	14.29	14.10	14.04	14.38	14.04	13.93	14.08
	Apr. 25, 1959	13.33	13.54	13.68	13.35	13.34	13.68	13.60	12.94	13.40
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 23, 1960	236	221	231	241	242	230	239	228	233
	Apr. 16, 1960	237	219	228	242	242	230	239	228	233
	Apr. 25, 1959	234	222	231	238	239	231	238	228	232
Sows	Apr. 23, 1960	452	402	401	427	425	400	415	438	421
	Apr. 16, 1960	444	393	417	427	419	403	420	441	420
	Apr. 25, 1959	431	418	427	414	413	404	399	445	417
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 23, 1960	26207	63735	19699	34543	35406	31155	39014	27825	277584
	Apr. 16, 1960	26002	49744	12952	34925	39379	22700	32501	26003	244206
	Apr. 25, 1959	41128	62519	16253	38484	36978	26603	37847	33505	293317
Sows	Apr. 23, 1960	3042	4867	1054	4239	3227	2456	4271	3227	26383
	Apr. 16, 1960	2821	4311	995	4895	3966	1782	3712	3181	25663
	Apr. 25, 1959	4601	4568	778	5640	3840	2081	5825	3370	30703
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Apr. 23, 1960		10	8	5	11	8	7	10	10	9
Apr. 16, 1960		10	8	7	12	9	7	10	11	10
Apr. 25, 1959		10	7	5	13	9	7	13	9	9

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 23, 1960	\$18.76	\$16.57	\$2.19
Apr. 16, 1960	18.64	16.60	2.04
Apr. 25, 1959	18.73	16.74	1.99

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 23, 1960	16.19	121.1	13.4
Apr. 16, 1960	16.25	120.8	13.5
Apr. 25, 1959	16.26	129.0	12.6

1/ Simple average price.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading of greasy domestic wools in the Boston market was moderately active with combing wools continuing in good demand. Approximately 10 cars were sold at steady prices. Except for scoured pulled wools, trade in woolen wools and noils was practically at a standstill at steady prices. Buying activity continued in the domestic primary areas with prices slightly easier in the fine wool section.

Most of the foreign wool centers were closed due to the Easter holiday. Mid-week cables showed France and the United States the principal buyers of South African wools at about unchanged prices.

Fleece Wools - Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing fleece wool sold at \$1.10 clean basis while graded 50/56s staple brought \$1.06-1.07 for early May delivery. Original bag medium grade fleece wools at 54¢ in the grease was estimated to cost clean around \$1.02-1.03. Spot greasy fine, half-blood and three-eighths fleeces sold at grease prices ranging from 54-57¢, while medium burry fleeces brought 52¢ in the grease and bulk medium grade crutchings moved at 28¢. Country buyers were paying from 48-53¢, but mostly 50¢ to the growers in Ohio while mostly 45-47¢ with occasional light shrinking lots up to 54¢ in the northern fleece States.

Territory Wools - Original bag bulk half and 3/8s wools from the western slope of Colorado sold from 47-50½¢ to the growers, while a bulk fine and half-blood good French combing and staple clip in Utah brought 47.31¢ grease basis. Mixed clips around Belle Fourche sold at about \$1.05-1.10 clean basis delivered East at grease prices ranging from 45-55¢ to the growers. Best fine California 12-months sold around \$1.12 clean basis delivered Boston, eight-months around 50¢ grease basis, estimated clean about \$1.00 and good bulk 58s lambs wool around 87¢ clean basis delivered Boston.

Texas Wools - Original bag 12-months 64/70s staple and good French combing wools sold in Texas at \$1.15 clean basis delivered Boston on a core test while 8-months wool brought an estimated clean price of \$.95-1.00 delivered Boston.

Mohair - Mohair trading in Texas was practically at a standstill. Prices were held nominal at \$1.01½ for adult and \$1.31½ for kid hair to the warehouse. Trade in Boston was very slow with dealers making deliveries on old orders.

Foreign Wools - Spot foreign wools were slow. Week-end cables follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

Australia, oil-combed - Closed for Easter recess. New Zealand, oil-combed - Next auction Christchurch April 23.

South Africa

Oil-combed	Scouring yields
7 - \$1.17	22 - \$1.10
12 - 1.15	27 - 1.04
17 - 1.12	32 - .99
47 - 1.16	37 - .93
48 - 1.15	
53 - 1.12	

Montevideo, Super Skirted (Clean basis): 64s - \$1.08; 60/64s - \$1.05; 60s - \$1.00; 58/60s - 94¢; 56s - 93¢; 50s - 91¢.

Carpet Wools - Trade in spot carpet wools was very slow. New Zealand carpet fleeces were quoted at 84¢ clean fibers present while Buenos Aires November second clips and fleeces were offered at 83½-85¢ and March wools around 82¢ while a greasy Cordoba blend was priced at 84¢ clean fibers present for shipment. Spot scoured Iceland carpet fleece wool was offered at 87¢ clean fibers present.

Scoured Shorn Domestic

56/58s - 1½-2½" some light stain 97¢

Wool Tops - Trade in wool tops remained very slow but with continued interest on fleece oil-combed 54s at about steady prices. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C	Warp Dom. D/C
70s - \$1.87	\$1.84
64s - 1.81	1.78
62s - 1.75	1.70
60s - 1.70	1.61
58/60s - 1.66	1.55

Oil-combed - 58/60s - \$1.64;
Territory - 58/60s - \$1.53; 56s \$1.50N.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Apr. 21, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange).

May wool tops	\$1.455
May wool	1.171
July wool tops	1.483
July wool	1.184

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Dullness generally permeated the wholesale fresh meat business, with trading mostly slow under rather poor demand. Receipts of beef were slightly below normal, and lamb volume was down 10 percent at New York, otherwise supplies were normal. Clearance was poor at Eastern Seaboard markets. Beef, lamb and pork was carried at Washington, steer beef and lamb at Philadelphia, and at New York small lots of veal and calf were unsold late and some pork loins went to freezers. Beef ribs were fore-runners for the third consecutive week, but hindquarters and chucks were generally slow. Lamb moved readily at New York, but slow at other markets. Veal and calf outlet was very uneven.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef steady to mostly 50¢ lower; cow beef strong to \$1.00 higher at Philadelphia, but steady to weak otherwise; veal and calf steady to \$3.00 lower; old crop lamb steady to \$3.00 lower, mostly \$1.00 off; spring lamb steady to \$2.00 lower. Pork loins sold weak to \$3.00 lower except at Washington and Baltimore where sales were steady to \$3.00 higher as these two markets became aligned with other points, and a large share of the late sales at these two centers were steady. Boston butts were steady to \$4.00 lower; spareribs steady to \$2.00 lower; fresh skinned hams mostly steady.

CHICAGO - Fresh meat supplies were moderate for the week. Bulk steer and heifer beef graded Good and Choice with a very small volume Prime. Weights 55# and over predominated in the lamb division, while pork loins for the most part fell in the 12-16# range. Carcass beef trade was mostly slow, although demand improved and heifer beef firmed at the close. Beef ribs and loins found adequate outlets at mostly steady prices. Chucks were slow at the outset, but lower prices stimulated demand by midweek and late trade was moderately active. Lamb held steady in a moderately active trade. Fresh pork trading was slow, with daily declines on loins and Boston butts. Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef 50¢-\$1.00 lower; lamb and veal steady; pork loins \$1.00-2.50 lower; Boston butts \$1.50-3.00 lower; spareribs steady.

PACIFIC COAST - Good and Choice steer beef was fully adequate on the west coast with some accumulations at Los Angeles and in the Pacific Northwest. Cow beef was moderate but fully adequate for a fair demand. Calf was slightly liberal at Los Angeles with veal more than adequate at San Francisco and in the Pacific Northwest. Spring lamb was fully ade-

quate for a fair demand in California but somewhat more limited in the Pacific Northwest while old crop lamb was very scarce at Los Angeles and San Francisco. Fresh pork cuts were liberal at Los Angeles and moving slowly while cured pork cuts were also rather liberal for a fair demand. Prices compared with a week ago: Steer beef mostly steady; cow beef steady to \$1.00 higher; calf mostly steady; veal steady to \$4.00 lower; spring and old crop lamb steady to \$1.00 lower; fresh pork loins steady to \$1.00 lower; other fresh and cured pork mostly steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY -

Based on reports from major slaughter centers in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, Kansas and Southwestern Illinois.

Steer and heifer beef prices were generally lower as demand was only moderate and insufficient to absorb above normal supplies. Cow beef supplies were below normal but sufficient for moderate outlet. Normal lamb supplies met moderately good demand. Pork products were in above normal volume while demand was moderate.

Compared to the previous week's close, steer and heifer beef prices were steady to \$1.50 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off; cow beef steady to 50¢ higher; Choice and Prime lamb mainly steady to \$1.00 lower. Pork loins closed \$1.00-4.00 lower, mostly \$2.00-3.00 off; Boston butts \$1.00-3.50 lower, mostly \$2.00 off. Clearances incomplete on steer beef, complete on cow beef, and fairly complete on other classes.

Choice 600-700# steer beef carcasses brought \$42.75-44.00, few carlots \$44.50-45.00; Choice 700-800# \$41.75-43.50, few carlots \$43.75-44.50; Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$41.50-43.25, few sales \$43.50-44.00; Utility cow beef \$30.75-32.75, mostly \$31.00-31.50. Choice and Prime 45-55# old crop lamb realized \$42.00-45.00, mainly \$42.25-44.25; 8-12# pork loins during the week \$36.50-40.00, closed \$36.50-38.50; Boston butts \$28.00-30.50, late sales \$28.00-28.50.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York, and Philadelphia. Trading on steer and heifer beef was generally slow under rather poor demand and prices declined 50¢-\$1.00. At some centers, however, outlet improved late in the week and trading was moderately active. Cow beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 higher.

Price trends on lamb were uneven with sales steady for the week at New York and Chicago, \$1.00-2.00 lower at Philadelphia with most decline on spring lamb, while at Denver old crop lamb closed steady to 50¢ higher and spring lamb \$1.00 up. Trading on pork loins was slow and demand poor with late sales \$1.00-2.00 lower at Chicago, \$1.50 lower at Philadelphia and \$4.00 off at New York.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Apr.23	Apr.25	Apr.23	Apr.25	Apr.23	Apr.25	Apr.23	Apr.25
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	--	56.35	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	47.20	49.50	46.06	47.00	45.00	47.25	45.25	46.75
	700-800	46.20	49.00	44.50	46.25	43.50	46.50	43.69	45.50
Good	500-600	43.85	47.00	43.19	44.38	43.50	46.50	43.25	46.00
	600-700	44.20	47.00	43.19	44.38	42.50	45.00	42.50	44.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.69	--	44.50	--	44.94	--
	600-700	--	--	44.69	--	--	--	43.69	--
Good	500-600	--	--	41.63	--	--	--	42.50	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	57.30	62.50	55.00	59.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	48.00	55.00	49.50	53.25	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	43.50	49.50	45.00	49.25	53.00	56.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	48.40	46.00	46.50	46.50	45.25*	--	45.50*	44.50*
Choice	45-55	46.00	44.50	46.50	45.50	45.25*	45.00*	45.50*	44.50*
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	43.20	46.25	41.00	43.55	48.00	46.50	44.12	44.88
Butts	4-8	35.90	36.30	31.00	32.65	39.00	36.50	36.50	35.50
Spareribs	3# down	41.70	43.80	36.00	40.25	47.00	47.50	43.75	46.12
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	46.80	51.00	50.70	49.50	50.50	51.00	49.50	48.38
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		41.70	47.50	52.00	52.00	51.00	50.00	52.00	53.25
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	29.90	32.50	35.00	34.18	32.00	34.00	32.00	34.38
Lard, 1# carton		12.75	12.75	13.50	13.62	16.50	16.00	15.41	15.81

*Spring lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED APRIL 22, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	43.50-44.00	42.50-43.00	42.75	45.00-46.50	45.50-46.00
	700-800	43.00-43.50	42.00-43.00	41.75-42.25	44.50-45.50	44.50-45.00
	800-900	42.50-43.00	41.00-42.00	41.25-41.75	44.00-45.50	44.00-44.50
Good	500-600	41.00-41.50	--	--	--	--
	600-700	41.00-41.50	39.50-40.50	39.75-40.25	42.50-43.00	41.50-43.00
	700-800	40.50-41.00	39.50-40.50	39.25-39.75	42.00-42.50	41.00-42.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	42.50-43.00	42.50-43.00	41.50-42.00	--	--
	600-700	42.50-43.00	41.00-42.50	41.50-42.00	--	44.00-45.00
Good	500-600	39.50-40.00	39.00	38.50-39.00	--	--
	600-700	39.50-40.00	39.00	38.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		31.50-32.00	32.25	31.00	32.50-33.00	33.00-33.50
Canner and Cutter		32.00-32.50	--	31.00-31.50	--	33.50-34.00
Lamb - Old crop						
Prime	35-45#	--	--	--	47.00-48.00	47.00-47.50
	45-55	--	41.00-42.00	--	45.00-46.00	45.00-46.00
	55-65	--	39.00-40.50	--	42.50-43.50	43.00-43.50
Choice	35-45	45.00-46.00	41.00-42.00	43.75-44.25	46.50-48.00	47.00-47.50
	45-55	43.00-44.00	39.00-40.50	42.25-43.25	44.00-46.00	45.00-46.00
	55-65	40.00-41.00	--	40.25-40.75	42.00-43.50	43.00-43.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	38.00-39.00	--	37.50-38.00	38.50-40.50	40.00-40.50

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP, MARCH 1960

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during March 1960 amounted to 308,857 head, down 10 percent from the 342,851 head shipped during March a year earlier. Of the total cattle and calves received in these States during the month, 136,016 head were moved through public stockyards and 172,841 head were received direct. The combined January through March shipments this year totaled 956,542 head compared with 1,015,842 head for the same period in 1959--a 6 percent decrease.

Shipments of sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States in March totaled 158,890 head compared with 119,850 head during March 1959--a 33 percent increase. Of the total received during March, 44,775 head moved through public markets and 114,115 head moved direct. The direct movement was 72 percent of the total this March compared with 58 percent a year earlier. During January through March this year 479,432 head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these States, compared with 435,214 head for the same period in 1959.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
March, 1960, with comparisons ^{1/}

Cattle and Calves

State	Public Stock		Direct		Total			
	Yards							
	March		March		March		January-March	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Ohio.....	3,452	3,431	1,127	3,025	4,579	6,456	14,254	19,790
Indiana.....	10,632	7,072	8,684	9,605	19,316	16,677	36,962	60,959
Illinois.....	20,904	20,520	32,301	39,894	53,205	60,414	157,706	168,971
Michigan.....	1,690	2,069	592	1,605	2,282	3,674	6,999	11,037
Minnesota.....	17,664	14,410	21,717	20,756	39,381	35,166	119,946	130,969
Iowa.....	52,558	59,300	74,785	63,379	127,343	122,679	400,957	377,748
South Dakota:	7,465	9,033	9,751	4,836	17,216	13,869	49,381	38,078
Nebraska.....	31,271	20,181	48,258	29,741	79,529	49,922	229,637	148,990
Total	145,636		197,215		342,851		1,015,842	
8 States :		136,016		172,841		308,857		956,542

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio.....	612	473	1,830	762	2,442	1,235	4,913	3,776
Indiana.....	3,070	917	730	780	3,800	1,697	11,709	5,500
Illinois.....	3,784	1,064	8,120	12,488	11,904	13,552	37,354	52,808
Michigan.....	1,059	766	-	252	1,059	1,018	3,849	5,001
Minnesota.....	10,006	13,879	13,794	14,512	23,800	28,391	82,331	96,947
Iowa.....	5,425	16,685	36,012	62,111	41,437	78,796	192,906	208,584
South Dakota:	7,378	1,916	2,207	10,903	9,585	12,819	33,837	40,214
Nebraska.....	19,189	9,075	6,634	12,307	25,823	21,382	68,315	66,602
Total	50,523		69,327		119,850		435,214	
8 States :		44,775		114,115		158,890		479,432

^{1/} Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

COMMODITY	February	February
	1960	1959
	Pounds	Pounds
EXPORTS (Domestic)		
Beef and veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	1,033,476	515,508
Pickled or cured (except canned)	1,063,200	841,974
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	1,083,180	854,028
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	1,755,950	1,176,462
Bacon	1,439,749	3,271,517
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured, n.e.c.	858,357	1,740,789
Sausage, bologna & frankfurters (except canned)	167,976	149,093
Meat and meat products (except canned) n.e.c.	450,654	13,860
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen	5,823,946	4,207,551
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen	2,815,283	1,536,515
Variety meats, n.e.c. (except canned)	2,706,524	945,537
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	553,319	250,885
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal	61,113	112,484
Sausage, bologna and frankfurters	97,943	97,480
Hams and shoulders	48,152	70,057
Pork, canned, n.e.c.	329,941	387,356
Meat and meat products, n.e.c.	145,937	383,689
Lamb and mutton (except canned)	117,382	41,550
Lard (includes rendered pork fat)	50,259,991	56,520,858
Shortenings, animal fat (excl. lard)	70,450	27,950
Tallow, edible	482,815	505,061
Tallow, inedible	124,115,198	74,405,499
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	2,166,010	152,626
Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c.	17,934,337	10,610,756

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

	February	February
	1960	1959
	Number	Number
Cattle (For breeding) -		
Dairy	458	556
Ex. dairy	1,746	592
Other (ex. for breeding)	841	199
Hogs	984	211
Sheep	811	220

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	April 23, 1960	22.38*	22.05*	24.05	23.15	--	22.75	--
	April 25, 1959	--	--	23.55	--	--	--	--
Choice	April 23, 1960	21.63*	21.18*	23.32	22.65	21.12*	21.90	18.19**
	April 25, 1959	21.76*	21.38*	22.88	22.52	21.12*	21.50	23.12
Good	April 23, 1960	20.63*	20.02*	20.25*	21.90	20.22*	20.70	17.50**
	April 25, 1959	21.18*	20.45*	21.92	21.70	20.10*	20.50	--
EWES (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and	April 23, 1960	6.75	5.98	5.50	--	6.45**	6.00	5.75
Choice	April 25, 1959	7.40	7.40	7.25	--	7.85**	7.25	8.56
Cull and	April 23, 1960	5.25	4.32	4.00	6.40**	4.60**	4.00	4.25
Utility	April 25, 1959	5.90	5.45	5.88	--	5.18**	4.50	5.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	April 23, 1960	--	21.50	--	18.70	20.35	--	15.75
Choice	April 25, 1959	--	19.88	--	18.90	19.25	--	15.25

* Wooled basis. **Shorn basis.

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States
March 1960, with Comparisons

USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.

Month	Canada		Mexico	
	1960 Head	1959 Head	1960 Head	1959 Head
March	34,946	21,090	42,063	39,769
January-March	70,149	56,979	121,325	162,141

Note: During Jan.-Mar. this year 123 sheep and 8,874 hogs were received from Canada compared with 3,401 sheep and 703 hogs a year ago.